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TITLE OF INVENTION: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A NOVEL INFLUENZA VIRUS NON-STRUCTURAL PROTEIN (NS1)-BINDING HOST FACTOR DESIGNATED NS11-1.

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Application No. Applicant(s) 10/724,273 PALESE ET AL. Notice of Allowability Examiner Art Unit 1648 Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D. -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. This communication is responsive to 21 July, 2008. The allowed claim(s) is/are 46-66, renumbered 1-21. 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). b) \(\subseteq \text{Some* c} \) \(\subseteq \text{None of the:} \) a) \square All 1. T Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: _____. Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) Including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Attachment(s) 1. | Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08). 7. X Examiner's Amendment/Comment Paper No./Mail Date 4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit 8. X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of Biological Material 9. ☐ Other .

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Examiner's Amendment

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Please amend the TITLE to read as follows: Nucleic acids encoding a novel influenza virus non-structural protein (NS1)-binding host factor designated NS1I-1.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: The prior art neither teaches nor fairly suggests the claimed invention. Specifically, applicants identified a novel protein-protein interaction involving the influenza nonstructural protein (NS1) and a host factor designated nonstructural protein 1 interactor (NS1I-1). NS1I-1 can coimmunoprecipated with NS1 in infected cell lysates from several different influenza virus A and B strains, suggesting that this interaction plays an important role in viral replication. NS1 did not interact with any non-viral proteins from uninfected cells demonstrating that this interaction is specific to NS1. Accordingly, the claims are unobvious in view of the prior art. The amended claims accurately define the applicants' invention and are of such scope that the specification provides an enabling disclosure.

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Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0908. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce R. Campell, Ph.D., can be reached at (571) 272-0974. Direct general status inquiries to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist at (571) 272-1600. Informal communications may be submitted to the Examiner's RightFAX account at (571) 273-0908.

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Respectfully,

/Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D./ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1648

04 September, 2008